Eddit. Cicotte and Williams The Times' Complete Sport Page

BABE RUTH HAS TWO DAYS TO LAND HIS FIRST HOME RUN HERE IN 1919

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Babe Ruth, the Boston Behemoth, has three games left in which to May Stop Selling Pop make a new record. It is true that he has smeared all former marks for home-run drives, but he has yet to shoot the pill out and over the garden wall at Georgia avenue. He has turned this trick before this season, but since the curtain rolled up last April he has never achieved this stunt in Clark Griffith's well-known ball yard. Today and tomorrow remain his last days in which to try his luck.

Two games are on the books for the Griffmen and Red Sox today, the first getting under way at 2 o'clock. Tomorrow's single game will ring down the curtain on American League baseball for Washington until next spring.

Roth opened his assault upon the heme ron records on the very first day of the 1919 campaign, cracking George Mogridge, the Yankee southpaw, for one on April 23.

On September 5 he equaled Buck Freeman's mark of twenty-five bomers when he hammered Win Soyes for a parade around the bases at Shibe Park. Three days later, at New York, he clouted a homer off Here Thormshien, the Yankee southnew, and had passed Freeman's mark ande while with the Washington club paign for 1919 today at the Hilltop. in the National League in 1853.

Find New Clour Total. Then the figure flends dug into the ancient records of baseball and discovered that Ed Williamson, back in 1884, while with the Chicago National League club, slammed out twentyseven home runs. He was benefited by playing in a small park, but the twenty-seven homers stood as a record just the same. So battering Babe and to go out and get a couple more at 3 o'clock. to held the undisputed championship as a baseball slugger.

Two weeks passed into history be- known at the West End university. fore Babe collected another circuit but Coach Exendine will start the folwallop and stood on the same pedes- lowing eleven for Georgetown: al with the ancient Ed Williamson. laying on his own home lot, Babe hammered one of Claud Williams' side- Ahearn, left tackle; Bill Dudack; left orm slants into the right-field bleach- guard; Wirts, center; Lonergan, right rs at Penway Park. It was some guard: Tom Sullivan, right tackle: irive and caused a small-sized riot Bill Kenyon, right end; Jack Flavin,

Four days later, on September 24, Captain McQuade, right halfback; Sabe was playing once more at the Thornton, fullback. New York Polo Grounds. Bob Shaw- A second backfield is practically key was twirling for the Yankees sure of getting into the game before when Babe crashed for the undisputed the first half ends. It will consist of seme-run record in major league Jimmy Sullivan, quarterback; Livers laseball. He drove that pill up over and Pete Carlin, halfbacks, and Jimmy he grandstand and into old Manhaty Buckley, fullback. A whole flock o an Field. That was his twenty- forwards will also be tugging at the ighth wallop, one better than old Ed leash on the bench. Williamson's mark back in 1884, when the teams played in bandbox parks. Lone Exception Here.

Washington offers the lone exception in Ruth's wonderful record. He has collected four homers in New Jork, two in Philadelphia, eight in Boston, three in St. Louis, three in Thicago, two in Cleveland and five in Detroit, four in one series last month Washington's right field barrier shone as withstood the Boston slugger's conferous drives.

Pellowing is the complete record of Daba Ruth's home run successes this April 23-At New York, off Mog-

May 20-At St. Louis, off Davenport May 30-At Philadelphia, off Perry June 7-At Boston, off Dauss, De-

June 17-At Boston, off Morton, Bleveland. June 24-At Boston, off Robertson,

June 30-At New York, off Shawkey July 5-At Boston, two off Johnson, July 10-At St. Louis, off Shocker. July 12-At Chicago, off Danforth.

July 18-At Cleveland, off Jasper, July 19-At Cleveland, off Myers. July 21-At Detroit, off Ehmke. July 24-At Beston, off Shawkey, New York. July 29-At Boston,off Leonard, De-

August 14-At Chicago, off Kerr. August 16-At Chicago, off Mayer, August 17-At St. Louis, off Shocker. August 23-At Detroit, off Dauss. August 24-At Detroit, off Ayres. August 24-At Detroit, off Love. August 25 .- At Detroit, off Ayres. September 1-At Boston, off Shaw.

September 8-At New York, off Thormablen. September 20-At Boston, off Wil-

September 5-At Philadelphia, off

September 24 .- At New York, off thawkey. Total-28.

struction to his pitchers that, no Zachary, W. matter how close the contest may be, no walks must be intentionally given Ruth during the series opening today at Georgia avenue.

rays Manager Griffith. "If he can Schang, Bos. 189 221 43 Lit my pitchers, well and good, then McInnis, Bos. 118 428 31 he may land on a couple and bring Shorten, Det. 94 262 35 his record up to thirty for the season, I don't want my men deliber- Chanman, Cle. fiz ately giving him pitches over the Leibold, Chi. 115 427 81 128 17 Legart of the plate merely to hit. Willia's, St L 65 227 22 68 7 "On the other hand, I don't want Weaver, Chi. 126 558 88 165 22

them to pass him, unless through unintentional wildness. Ruth may succred in adding to his record here, Burns, Phil. 124 464 52 t-ut he'll have to prove himself a bet- Speaker, Cle. 131 483 27 ter batsman than my pitchers are pitchers to do it."

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Yesterday's Games. Cincinnati, 6; Chicago, 8.
Cincinnati, 8; Chicago, 8.
St. Louis, 2; Pittsburgh, 1.
(12 innings).
Brooklyn, 13; Philadelphia, 2.
New York, 8; Boston, 3.

is going great guns and at present **REDS' GARDENER**

tional League's real batting leader for him. From present indications, Kerr 1919, with a mark now of .322. Fol- will be the Kid's third pitcher, though lowing are the averages of the .300 Cicotte and Williams probably will Wednesday of this week:

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Rex Athletic Club football players will gather at Union Park tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for practice. Fifteen men were out yesterday. Cranston, of the old Vigilants; Montgomery, Maryland State, and Temples and Tannings were among the new-

WILL PLAY TWO GAMES. War Risk Insurance, city titleholders and Inter-city champions, will liams and Clootte hit .179 and .174. play the Navy Yard Wildeats a dou- respectively. ble-header today at Union Park, start- Neither do the Chicago pitchers ing at 2 o'cleck.

HIGHLANDERS START EP. moraing at 11 o'clock at Thirtenth | land flingers. street and Good Hope road southeast.

ONLY RELIABLE GLEASON TWIRLERS

In analyzing the White Sox catchers we said all discussion ends with Ray Schalk. In treating the Chicago pitchers, all arguments end with Eddle Cicotte and Claude Willlams. This splendid little pair form Kid Gleason's pitching staff.

Babe Ruth, Home Run King, EDDIE CICOTTE AND WILLIAMS ARE in His Favorite Role

Up to September 3, when these averages were compiled, Cicotte and Williams had won almost two-thirds of the games won by Chicago this year. Cicotte then had won 27 and lost 7 for a percentage of .794, and Williams won 22 and lost 8 for 2 percentage of .733.

They are certainly two little iron men. Their most valuable assistant in the latter part of the season has been little Dickie Kerr, who like Williams is a lefthander. This will be the shortest pitching staff ever enterod into a world series. The three of them stretched out would messure only seventeen feet. Cicotte and Williams are each five feet nine inches and Kerr is five feet six inches. That's a pony staff for you, all right But what they lack in size they make up in quality. All three are big little men. Though Cleotte hasn't much length, he is stocky and well knit together. He has a powerful pair of shoulders and the native endurance so characteristic of his race the French-Canadian. For physical strength and endurance he has few men his equal in baseball.

Cloutte Hanks Ahead. For general effectiveness Cicotte ranks ahead of any other pitcher in either major league today, and that despite the fact that he is thirty-five years old. The writer can recall no parallel case to that of Cicotte, where a player in the middle thirtles gets better the farther he goes.

Much has been written of what Cicotte pitches. His delivery has been dubbed the knuckle ball, talcum powder ball, shine ball, resin hall, and lately just a plain "mystery ball." I have heard numerous players, particularly members of the Yankees and Glants, discuss just what Cicotte pitches and few of their views are allke. The Giants were not particularly impressed with what Cicotte showed them in 1917.

Bill Donovan, former Yankee manger and in his prime one of basebali's greatest pitchers, gave the best explanation of what Cleotte pitches at the time when there was considerable uproar about him pitching the tallow ball. "Everybody watches to see what Cicotte puts on the ball," said Wild Bill. "Hemay use some foreign substance, but much of this is for effect. The batter is so anxious to see what Cicotte is putting on the ball that he is mentally upset and often his faculties are not centered on the pitch.

Use Knuckle Bull. "As to Cicotte's best delivery, it is the knuckle ball. Eddle Summers used it in Detroit and it can tle a catcher into knots if he is not accustomed to its breaks. Only Cicotte through patience and study, has it controlled better than Summers had it. The ball can be pitched with different variations and comes up to the batter with such a spin that it is extremely hard to meet the bail squarely.

That's what Cicotte pitches: the next question is: "What will the Reds be able to do about it?" Claudie Williams, the lefthander, is built on similar lines to Cicotte, though he is about ten pounds lighter. He also is a wonder for endurance. He has been hit harder then Cicotte this year, and several times it looked as though he were about to crack, but he would follow up a poorly pitched game with a shutput or a small hit a day or two later. In many of his games he was helped by the hard hitting behind him, but after

a rocky spell in midsummer, he again

is as effective as he was in the spring. Kerr Was a Boxer. is very ambitious to get along in baseball. Kid Gleason was taken with at the Sox training camp last spring

and Faber in 1917. It has not been unusual for man-Gain agers to rely on only two pitchers in the Superials meeting Metropolitan. unless we hox for a referee's decision -Loss a series. McGraw won with Mathewson and McGinnity in 1905, Mack with .313 +.39 Coombs and Bender in 1910, and Rowland with Cicotte and Faber. Last year Jim Vaughn and George Tyler pitched a six-game series for the Cubs

all but two innings. Urban Faber, who won three games from the Glants in 1917, may get into the series as a dark horse, but he has been bothered with a lame arm most of the season, though he has taken part in twenty-four games. He won ten and lost nine. He has been doing little pitching since July, though there is talk of Gleason resting his arm for the series.

May Get Relief John. Bill James and Grover Lowdermilk,

the six-footers, who are the very antithesis of the tiny Cicotte and Williams, may get into the series in relief roles. Both are unsteady and undependable, though James has won two shutouts from Washington since the Red Sox shipped him to

Erskine Mayer, taken over from the Pirates, figures among the White Sox pitchers the same way as does Roy Mitchell on the Cincinnati staff. He doesn't figure at all. The Sox pitchers do not hit near as

well as the Red men, their staff average being .173 against .212 for Cincinnati. Kerr is the hitting leader of the Sax staff with .224. Wil

rank with Moran's twirlers in covering their territory. The Chicago pitchers have made 21 errors against 10 for Cincinnati. The fielding aver-Highland A. C. players will start age of the Sox hurlers is 936 .035 their football campaign tomorrow points lower than that of the Red-(Copyright, 1919, by Al Munro Ellas,)

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THE PITCHING RECORDS

From Those Clubs.

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The Arcade Duckpin League has or- Gibson has issued an ultimatum to Kerr is a novice in the big leagues paign, choosing the following offi- ler, the local lightweight, who is seekthis year, but he is a game little cora: C. H. Pierce, president; George, ing a bout with Benny Leonard. Ready, scorer. At the organization offer of the National A. A., of this city, meeting the following teams were for \$25,000 to appear in a six-round Ed Roush, centerfielder for Pat the lad's ambition and aggressiveness to represented by their respective cap-Moran's Cincinnati Reds, is the Na- and has done everything to advance Lewis, Arcades; Jos. P. Gallaghet, Co- the offer for a 15-round decision bout lumbia; S. Hioshman, Engles; (R. C. in Connecticut,

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 27. - Billy

ganized for the coming alley cam- Phil Glassman, manager of Lew Tend-Seyforth, secretary-treasurer; A. B. world's champion. In refusing an tains: H. W. Parker, Euclids: Alfred give Tendler until October 1 to accept

Wood, Centrals; C. H. Pierce, Patents; "If Tendler refuses to accept this C. A. Sullivan, Northwestern; W. M. offer, he will never get another chance swatters in Heydler's circuit up to work most of the series as did Cicotte Whelan, Longfellows; E. Pratt, Met- to meet Leonard for the title," says opolitans; G. Y. Seyforth, Superials. Gibson. "I will not let Leonard box The season opens Monday night, with gix rounds with Tendler for \$1,000 coa



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